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REMARKS

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1. On 30 October 1952, the barracks installation on Lenin Strasse, Annaberg (N 51/K 73) was partially occupied by about 500 troops wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets. About 150 troops were observed at training and about 50 other troops were not engaged in any duty. Vehicular traffic was not observed. Only part of the main building was lighted at dusk.

2. On 30 October, the former boys' school at the intersection of Voigt Strasse and Michaelis Stollen was occupied by about 250 troops wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets. About 80 troops were training and about 50 other troops were not engaged in any duties. [REDACTED] loaded with ammunition boxes was seen in the yard of the installation.

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3. On 30 October, the former Kehnert factory on Park Strasse was occupied by about 1,500 troops wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets, including some with signal and motor transport insignia. At 7:30 a.m., about 600 troops organized in four companies marched toward the Poehlberg hill. In addition to these troops, groups of 12 to 14 soldiers, including some armed with rifles and submachine guns, were seen leaving and entering the installation. A colonel and two majors entered the installation on foot. Numerous motor vehicles were in the barracks yard.

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4. On 30 October, the quarters between Voigt Strasse and Kleinrueckerswalder Strasse were occupied by about 1,500 troops wearing red-bordered black and black-bordered black epaulets, including some with motor transport, artillery, construction engineer, signal and medical corps insignia. Trucks [REDACTED] were seen en route to the installation. Motor vehicles were seen shuttling between the quarters and the motor pool on Jungfernstieg.<sup>2</sup>

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5. On 4 November, the barracks installation near Shaft No 60, southwest of Eibenstocker Strasse, Johanngeorgenstadt (N 51/K 51), was occupied by about 600 troops wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets. About 300 troops were observed at drill. About 100 other troops were not engaged in any duty. At about 1 p.m., 2 officers and about 40 troops with targets and light machine guns marched toward the barracks installation west of the town-hall.
6. On 4 November, the barracks installation west of the town hall was occupied by about 1,500 troops wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets including a few with signal and motor transport insignia. About 800 troops were at training and about 250 other troops were not engaged in any duty. About 15 officers including 10 to 12 field grade officers were seen walking from and to the installation.
7. On 4 November, the former Box furniture factory at the intersection of Linden Strasse and Karl Marx Strasse was occupied by about 250 troops wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets. About 100 troops received training and about 50 troops engaged in no special duty.

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8. On 4 November, the former Wendler factory on the extension of Linden Strasse was occupied by about 1,500 troops wearing red-bordered black and black-bordered black epaulets, including some with motor transport, artillery, construction engineer and medical corps insignia. About 900 troops engaged in training activities and about 300 troops were not engaged in any duty. About 60 officers, including 12 field grade officers were seen walking from or to the installation. The office rooms of the installation were empty.

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9. On 8 November, Restricted Area I in Auerbach (N 51/K 32) was occupied by about 1,000 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets and, a few, black-bordered black epaulets with motor transport, artillery, construction engineer and signal insignia. About 600 troops organized in individual groups were seen engaged in physical training and drill and also entering and leaving the installation. On 10 November, a column of 12 trucks with each occupied by about 30 unarmed troops was seen leaving the installation.

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10. On 8 November, Restricted Area II was occupied by about 1,500 troops wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets including a few with signal and motor transport insignia. Groups of 12 to 40 soldiers, totaling about 800, were daily seen leaving and entering the restricted area. About 200 other troops were not engaged in any duty. On 8 November, a simulated attack was held in the Stuetzengruen-Brunn area, involving about 1,000 troops in winter uniform, including some with light field equipment, and armed with rifles, submachine guns, light and heavy machine guns. Motor vehicles seen en route to the restricted area included:

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11. Prior to 7 November, the Kleine Kaserne south of the Aue-Schneeberg road, Aue (N 51/K 53), was occupied by about 1,500 troops wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets. At 6 p.m. on 7 November, about 600 troops organized in four companies and armed with rifles, submachine guns and a total of about 14 light and heavy machine guns and three 82-mm mortars entered the installation, coming from the direction of Schwarzenberg.<sup>6</sup>

12. Prior to 7 November, a double sentry armed with machine guns was seen on the Hochhaus on the Aue-Schneeberg road. About 200 to 300 troops wearing black-bordered crimson and red-bordered black epaulets and numerous motor vehicles were daily seen in the yard of the installation. At least 50 officers with golden and silver epaulets with red stripes daily went to the Hochhaus. Motor vehicles leaving and entering the Kleine Kaserne and

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13. Prior to 7 November, the Neue Kaserne south of the Aue-Schwarzenberg railroad line was occupied by about 1,200 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets, and black-bordered black epaulets, including some with motor transport, artillery, construction engineer and signal insignia. About 600 troops were daily seen at training activities and about 150 troops not engaged in any duty. Numerous women were also seen in the barracks area. About 50 officers, including 5 colonels, 2 lieutenant colonels and 10 majors were daily seen walking from and to the installation.

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14. On 16 November, the AAA emplacement near Johanngeorgenstadt was occupied by about 70 troops wearing red-bordered epaulets with artillery insignia. Six 37-mm AA guns were seen in the emplacement, which was guarded by a sentry with a field glass.

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15. Prior to 29 November, the Kleine Kaserne south of the Aue-Schneeberg road in Aue was occupied by an estimated 350 troops wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets. All windows of the quarters were lighted after nightfall. The troops quartered in the installation engaged in guard duties at the shafts of the Wismut Corporation in the Aue area. Between 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. on 24 November, about 80 troops organized in 3 platoons practiced marching and rifle drill in the barracks installation. At 10:45 a.m., 32 troops entered the installation, coming from the town. Motor vehicles were seen en route to the installation.<sup>6</sup>

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16. Prior to 29 November, the Neue Kaserne south of the Aue-Schwarzenberg railroad line was occupied by about 500 troops wearing red-bordered black and black-bordered crimson epaulets. All windows of the quarters were fully lighted after nightfall. Between 8 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. on 27 November, about 50 troops wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets received individual drill with rifles in the barracks installation.<sup>8</sup>

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17. The AAA emplacement east of the Schwarzenberg-Neuwelt railroad station was occupied by about 50 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia. Five canvas-covered AA guns, apparently 37-mm guns, were seen in the emplacement. On 24 November, about 40 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia had fallen in in the emplacement. [REDACTED] was seen at the emplacement on 27 November. A truck with a superstructure, interconnected with the emplacement by a telephone line, was about 500 meters north of the emplacement. 25X1B

18. Prior to 30 November, the Farina factory, Beierfeld (N 51/K 53), was occupied by about 500 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets. About one third of the troops were recruits. Between 8:30 a.m. and 10 a.m. on 17 November, about 120 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets were drilling and marching with rifles at platoon level. Singing was heard from the mess. At 5:30 p.m. on 20 November, about 380 unarmed troops had fallen in in the barracks yard. A captain, 2 senior lieutenants and 3 lieutenants were seen with the troops. Between noon and 2 p.m. on 26 November, about 200 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets drilled with fixed bayonets at platoon level in the area west of the installation. At 1:30 p.m., 96 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets, including 5 troops armed with submachine guns, and the other armed with rifles, and under the supervision of a captain, entered the installation, coming from the area north of Beierfeld. Only motor vehicles [REDACTED] entered the installation. 10

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1. [REDACTED] Comment. The three barracks installations in Annaberg are apparently occupied only by an unidentified MGB regiment, [REDACTED] See [REDACTED].

2. [REDACTED] Comment. Information contained in the present report indicates no change in the occupation of the installation by motor transport units and rear services.

3. [REDACTED] Comment. These three barracks installations in Johanngeorgenstadt presumably are occupied by the unidentified MGB Regt, possibly the 141st MGB Regt, to which [REDACTED] may be assigned. See [REDACTED] 25X1C

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4. [REDACTED] Comment. The information obtained by this source indicates no change in the occupation by motor transport units and rear services of the Wendler factory in 1952. [REDACTED]

5. [REDACTED] Comment. The information indicates no change in the occupation of the restricted areas in Auerbach. An unidentified MGB Regt, possibly the 118th MGB Regt, [REDACTED] is believed stationed in Restricted Area II. 25X1B

6. [REDACTED] Comment. The Kleine Kaserne, former August Wellner factory, appears to be occupied by an MGB battalion as previously.

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7. [REDACTED] Comment. The information confirms the administrative office in the Hochhaus which was known previously. Motor

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8. [REDACTED] Comment. The Neue Kaserne, former Ernst Hecker factory, is occupied by motor transport units and rear services. It was previously pointed out that the strength estimates on all installations by the first source were higher than those of the other sources.

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9. [REDACTED] Comment. The AAA emplacements known previously, [REDACTED] are occupied by units of the 6th Gds AAA Div (US) as previously.

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10. [REDACTED] Comment. Only one report by this one source on the Farina factory is available. Another source mentioned a Frankonia Werk (factory) in Bielefeld which may be identical with the Farina factory. See

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